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After years of protest from animal activists, the LD50 Test (in which animals are force fed chemicals to estimate the dose needed to kill 50% of them) is slowly being phased out internationally and is being replaced with tests that use fewer animals [or none at all]. I understand scientists at the NIEHS workshop have agreed to a partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for the lethal poisoning tests, which would have the effect of further reducing the number of animals in the tests.

I urge you to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.